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SUBJECT: PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR ARRIVES

1. PAKISTAN'S AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE M. KHURSHID ARRIVED IN DACCA JANUARY 13, AND RECEIVED A RELATIVELY ELABORATE WELCOME. KHURSHID REPORTEDLY RESPONDED TO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL'S GREETING IN RECIPROCAL FASHION BY SAYING "BANGLADESH IS MY SECOND HOME." SPEAKING IN BENGALI, HE TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT HE BROUGHT FROM THE PAKISTANI PEOPLE "THE UTMOST OF FRATERNAL FEELINGS FOR THE BROTHERS IN BANGLADESH". KHURSHID SAID HIS PRIMARY TASK WOULD BE TO HELP NORMALIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH INCLUDING RESTORATION OF TRADE AND COMMUNICATIONS.

2. COMMENT. THE ARRIVAL OF KHURSHID HAS BEEN MARKED BY CONSIDERABLE EUPHORIA, SUGGESTING THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH NEED POSE FEW PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, BDG OFFICIALS ARE DISPLAYING FAR MORE REALISM. IN A MEETING WITH SENATOR MCGOVERN JANUARY 13, FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSSAIN COMMENTED THAT WHILE THE BDG WISHES TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN, THERE ARE STILL "OUTSTANDING ISSUES" TO RESOLVE. ON THE SAME DAY,  
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ABDUL BARI, DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR THE SUBCONTINENT IN

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TOLD FRANK VALEO, SECRETARY OF THE SENATE, THAT THE ISSUES OF (I) DIVIDING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND (II) FURTHER REPATRIATION OF NON-BANGALEES REMAIN TO BE SETTLED. BARI SAID THAT HE HAD ALREADY RAISED WITH THE PAKISTANI FIRST SECRETARY THE PROBLEM OF THE 12,000 BIHARIS WHOM THE GOP HAD CLEARED FOR REPATRIATION BUT WHO WERE STRANDED HERE BY THE END OF THE UNHCR AIRLIFT IN JUNE 1974. BARI IMPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT THE RESOLUTION OF THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES WOULD BE A LONG PROCESS. FROM HIS GENERAL REMARKS ABOUT PAKISTANIS, IT WAS CLEAR THAT BARI PERSONALLY DOES NOT EXPECT THAT THE GOP WILL DISPLAY MAGNANIMITY.

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